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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of February 28, 2003,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Insert the Abstract of the Disclosure as on the
accompanying separate sheet.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, replace the paragraph beginning on line 15 as
follows:

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--The superabsorbent material is preferably crosslinked by cations, which by means of ionic bonds are bonded to the anionic functional groups of the superabsorbent material. According to one embodiment, the cationic crosslinking agent comprises a polyvalent metal ion, for example aluminum, zirconium, chrome, titanium or zinc. According to a preferred